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HIROYUKI SHINBATA

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD FOR  
SETTING AN EXTRACTION AREA,  
APPARATUS AND RECORDING  
MEDIUM (As Amended)

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO MAKE DRAWING CHANGES

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests approval to amend the drawings in the above-identified patent application, as illustrated in red on the attached copies of Figures 29 and 30. The changes comprise labeling each of those figures as "PRIOR ART".

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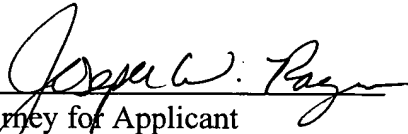
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FIG. 29 PRIOR ART

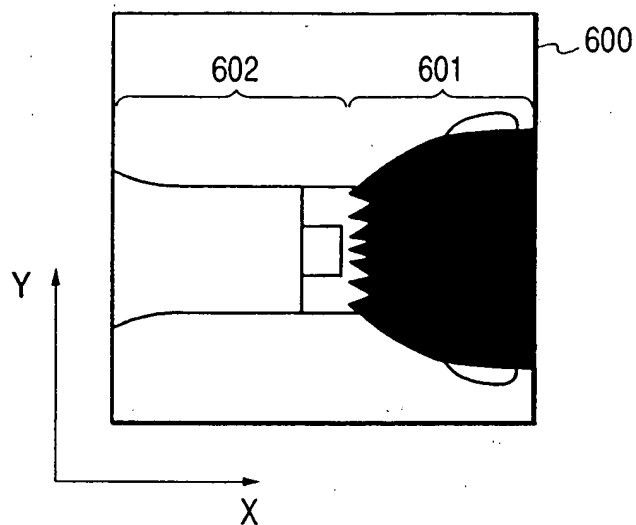


FIG. 30 PRIOR ART

